

Council Clippings

Monthly Newsletter of
St. Joseph PTA Council

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February 2010



Presidents

Corner...

Congratulations on another successful year PTA. February is our anniversary month. National PTA has been around since 1897 and MO State PTA joined into the organization in 1912. The strength of all the women responsible for our organization is still quite amazing. To think back to those times it is really a miracle that they were able to accomplish what they did. We take for granted in our era the freedom and rights that we enjoy.

We hop in our cars and drive to our meetings, but think of all that it would have taken to gather and conduct business over 100 years ago. I truly respect them all for stepping out of the box and standing up for themselves and for the wellbeing of the children in their communities. To use their voices in such a positive way and for such an important issue; the children, should never be forgotten.

We look forward to celebrating with all of you on February 9th for an evening filled with great conversation, great food and to honor some outstanding people at our Founders Day Annual Dinner.

I would like to say thank you to Angie Riggs and Sarah Gerving; they have been great to work with and have put together a wonderful celebration. Other outstanding committee members are Azure Hailey, Mary Kelly, and Peggy Wood. This is a great group of ladies who make all tasks fun in their own way.

February is a very busy month for PTA. Here are some other dates to remember; Sat., Feb. 13th is our annual Spelling Bee. Held at Truman Middle School registration begins at 12:30 and the bee is at 1:00. Friday, Feb. 26th is our Legislative Forum. Held at Hillyards Tech. Center beginning at 4:30. I encourage anyone to attend that has questions regarding legislative process in regards to public education. School groups are welcome to attend; Forum Clubs, American History Classes, Student Council groups, all are welcome.

You will find enclosed in this issue a list of units who are nearing their bylaws renewal date, please check that list and get an early start on reviewing and approving new updates.

Next month is election month for PTA. You need to have your officers presented to your general assembly this month and vote on them in March. There are two forms included in this issue; one needs to be sent to me by March 15th

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St. Joseph PTA Council Request/confirmation Form For Button Machine

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Telephone # Home _____

Organization _____ Work _____

Project or function _____ Email _____

Date & Time Requested _____

Number of Components Needed _____ Send request to:
(Plastic Cover, Shell, Pin Back=1 Component) Jena Kirschner
10489 SE State Rt. A
St. Joseph, MO 64507
816-244-1687

Signature _____

Title _____

jena.kirschner@sjsd.k12.mo.us

Or at TMC 816-671-4390

Send Bill To:

**Make Checks Payable to:
ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL**

For Council Use Only

Button Machine reserved for _____ Check out date _____
Date _____ Signature _____
Confirmation Sent _____ Check in date _____
Signature _____

Number of Components Issued _____
Number Returned _____ Date _____
Number Used @ _____ Total Due _____

Confirmation
Your Request for the Button Machine is confirmed for _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Bylaws news:

There are several units that are nearing their bylaws renewal date. Please make plans now. A committee must be formed; according to your bylaws.

Remember, the committee must present any changes 30 days before changes are voted on. Changes must "sit out" for 30 days before approval can be made.

Your tool kit has procedures and forms that need to be filled out and sent to the State PTA for their approval. Once approval has been obtained you will need to send the Council 2 copies; one for bylaws chair and one for Council President.

The portions of the bylaws that have the "#" symbol are State and National portions and we can not change them; they must remain as written.

Units nearing renewal are:

Benton, 8/15/2010
Ellison, 4/16/2010
Truman, 12/30/2010
Lafayette, 11/30/2010
Lindbergh, 5/21/2010
Mark Twain, 8/28/2010
Parkway, 3/3/2010
Pershing, 9/15/09
Skaith, 5/31/2010
Spring Garden, 6/12/2010

Having your bylaws up to date is a requirement for a "unit in good standings". Please do not hesitate to contact us for help. We're here to help with any questions that you may have.

Barb Harris; jcb4@att.net or
Lori Prussman; aokmom@hotmail.com

New address for MO State PTA
2101 Burlington Street
Columbia, MO 65202

Council Clippings Article Assignments for March 2010 Articles are due February 10, 2010

▪ <u>Presidents Report</u>	▪ <u>Character & Spiritual</u>
▪ <u>School of Information</u>	▪ <u>Spelling Bee</u> ▪ <u>Reflections</u>
▪ <u>PTA Legislative Day Report</u>	▪ <u>Council Award</u> ▪ <u>Ways and means</u>

All articles must be emailed to Lori Prussman at aokmom@hotmail.com, subject: CLIPPING ARTICLE . Thank you for getting your articles to me in a timely manner.

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and the other form needs to be returned to the State PTA by March 31st. These lists are vital to running a successful PTA. The Council and State PTA use these lists for our mailing lists and correspondence. We must have these updates to get out the Tool Kit and other valuable packets filled with important information. Please send in as soon as possible.

School of Information will be held in April; the date will be announced soon. We are looking forward to a day filled with knowledge filled workshops. Our goal is to get as many people trained in key areas as we can. This will only help each unit to build a stronger PTA.

Please plan to attend the MO PTA Leadership Conference to be held at the Hilton at the KC Airport on April 24th. This will be worth the trip. Visit www.mopta.org for more details.

Much success!
Lori Prussman



Slate of officers for 2010-2011

President	Lori Prussman
1st Vice	Sherri Manville
2nd Vice	Brigitte Lindstrom
3rd Vice	Barb Harris
Recording Secretary	Brenda O'Meara
Corresponding Secretary	Peggy Wood
Treasurer	Mary Kelly
Sergeant-At-Arms	Christine Prussman

Clarence Carpenter Board members:

Sandy Frazier, 3 year term
Sherri Manville, 3 year term
Azure Hailey, 3 year term

Nominating committee:

Azure Hailey, Chair
Becky Huntsman, Spring Garden
Brigitte Linstrom, Edison
Janet Snider, Benton
Craig Wolfe, Truman
Roger Moore, Skaith
Adam Willard, Dist. rep.

There is a tide in the affairs of men, Which taken at the flood, leads on to fortune. Omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in shallows and in miseries. On such a full sea are we now afloat. And we must take the current when it serves, or lose our ventures."

~William Shakespeare

Submitted by Shelby Hawkins

St. Joseph PTA Legislative Forums

Friday, February 26th

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Friday, April 16th

Hillyards Tech. Center

4:30 – 5:30

Invite your schools forum club, student council, government classes or anyone interested in the political field. Representatives will be discussing issues related to school matters.

PTA University 2010

Each PTA unit is in the midst of nominations and voting for new officers. A list of your new officers is needed by the PTA Council by March 15th. We encourage current and new officers to work together at this time sharing knowledge and information, as this will make all units stronger.

Unit officers for the 2010-2011 school year are strongly encouraged to attend the PTA University in April. The time and place will soon be announced. Even if you have been involved in the PTA for years attending is sure to increase your PTA knowledge base.

Other ways units can prepare officers for the upcoming year is by inviting them to attend the executive meeting, if they are not already serving on the board. Or share your copy of Clippings with them, so they can get more acquainted with PTA Council events.

We look forward to seeing you at PTA University!!

Brigitte Lindstrom

Resolution

St. Joseph PTA Council Support of the
Community Engagement and Long Range Planning
for the St. Joseph Public Schools

- WHEREAS, The purposes of the PTA are: To promote the welfare of children and youth in the home, school, community and place of worship. To raise the standards of home life. To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth. To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth. To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social and spiritual education.
- WHEREAS, The mission of the PTA is three-fold. To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community, and before governmental agencies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children. To assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children. To encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation.
- WHEREAS, The vision of the PTA is making every child's potential a reality.
- WHEREAS, The St. Joseph PTA Council and its member units would like to publicly acknowledge their support of the Community Engagement and Long Range Planning for the St. Joseph Public Schools.
- WHEREAS, The St. Joseph PTA Council and its member units would furthermore pledge financial support to the Community Engagement and Long Range Planning for the St. Joseph Public Schools.
- RESOLVED, The St. Joseph PTA Council and its member units by pledging of their time and financial resources will continue our commitment to the parents, teachers, students and the community as a whole as prescribed in our purposes, mission and vision as set forth by both the Missouri State PTA, founded in 1912, and the National PTA, founded in 1897.

Presented: January 12, 2010
The St. Joseph PTA Council
Lori Prussman, President

2010/2011 PTA/PTSA Officers List

Send completed form to Lori Prussman, 2504 Ashland Ave, St. Joseph, MO 64506

This list will be used for St. Joseph PTA Council mailings.

Do not use school address for President mailing address.

Deadline March 15, 2010

School Name: _____

President's Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

1st Vice's Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

2nd Vice's Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Secretary's Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Treasurer's Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Please continue to the back of this page for additional information needed.

School Name: _____

Membership Chair Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Reflections Chair Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

**Please feel free to add additional officer's names, positions, addresses,
phone numbers and email addresses below.**

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

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Phone _____ Email: _____

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OFFICERS FORM

Important: Our **2010-2011** School Year Mailing List will be compiled from the information on this form.

Please mail this form by **March 31, 2010** with the names of NEW and/or RE-ELECTED officers. DO NOT use the school address for president mailings.

CONTACT INFORMATION NEEDED BY MISSOURI PTA: PRESIDENT, TREASURER, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR AND REFLECTIONS CHAIR.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

REGION _____ DATE _____

UNIT NAME _____

CITY _____ SCHOOL DISTRICT _____

COUNTY IN WHICH SCHOOL IS LOCATED _____

PRESIDENT _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

E-MAIL _____

TREASURER _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

E-MAIL _____

Information is due to Missouri PTA office by March 31, 2009. If you have not filled all the positions, send what you have by the deadline.

Please complete information on reverse side.

UNIT NAME _____

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR _____ **PHONE** _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **ZIP CODE** _____

E-MAIL _____

REFLECTIONS CHAIR _____ **PHONE** _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **ZIP CODE** _____

E-MAIL _____

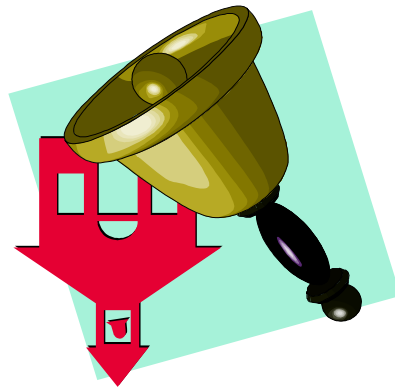
SEND COMPLETED FORM TO:

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2101 Burlington Street
Columbia, MO 65202

Fax: 573-445-4163
office@mopta.org

NOTICE FOR PARENTS

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL

St. Joseph PTA Council
PO Box 1116
st. Joseph, MO 64502

